

LITERARY NOTES.

Plon, Paris, has issued the third and final volume of Bouquain's "History of Foreign Literatures," embracing Italy, Spain, Portugal, and Greece.

The nine-volume History of the Province of New-Hampshire, by Dr. Bouton, State Historian, has been fully received by the Governor and Council. Dr. Bouton spent ten years in its preparation.

There is just ready in London "The Land of the White Bear," an account of the cruise of the Pardua to Frakland Straits during the Summer of 1875, by Lieut. F. G. Innes-Lillington, R. N., with full夜 illustrations from sketches by the author, and a map of the Arctic regions.

Another attempt, *The Athenaeum*, states, is being made to translate the Talmud. Dr. Samuter, a well-known Rabbi and Talmudist, has in the press a German translation of "Baba Mezia," with a commentary in the same language. It is to be published in two volumes, ten to twelve pages, large folio. The original text accompanied by the translation. The only volume which has hitherto been published either in France or Germany is the first, "Berachot."

Several interesting old maps are among the curiosities to be seen at Mr. J. W. Bouton's. Among them is a queer map of Africa, elaborately painted on parchment, and dating back to about 1500, with Labrador comfortably stowed away in a corner, and the copy belonging to William Penn of Ulster's map of Novum Belarium, with a view of the City of New-Antwerp, in the middle of portion of Africa. The following extract is from the map: "The Map by which the Privy Council, 1688, settled the Bounds between the Lord Baltimore and I. and Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Territories, or annexed countries."

The booksellers who moved up town last month are now comfortably settled in their new quarters, after the usual delays in fitting, and they prove anew how beautiful bookstores can be made. Messrs. A. D. F. Randolph & Co., now at No. 900 Broadway, some of Twenty-first-st., were the original pioneers of the town movement. When they moved from Amity-st. in 1864 to Nineteenth, and Broadway, their shop was the furthest bookstore up town. The new store is pleasantly fitted with high shelves of a light brown tint, relieved by a line of bright red, which sets off the darker colors of most books in happy relief. None of the books are taken away from the customers in the sets, and those who thus select for themselves. In a cozy corner across the room is a small reading-table, a quiet place for frequenters of the store. Messrs. G. P. Putnam's Sons have come back to the regular line of up-town travel, at No. 182 Fifth-ave., next Twenty-second-st., in dark green, with gold letterings and secret cloth. The shelving is low, so that customers can reach down any of the books for themselves; and here also follow the plan that the Chicago trade first introduced, that is, to have a collection of good books for passing tourists, with a few new publications close by. The publishing offices of the house find ample room at the back of the store.

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